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SUBJECT: NATO/VCC: BIDS FOR VD99 VERIFICATION ACTIVITY IN 2010

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Reasons 1.4 (B) and (D).

¶11. (U) This is an action message, see para 2.

¶12. (C/REL NATO) In accordance with the Alliance agreement to coordinate Vienna Document 1999 (VD99) evaluation visits and inspections (AC/319-WP(2008)0009-REV8, dated 9 February 2009), the Verification Coordinating Committee (VCC) has requested that all NATO states report their plans for VD99 evaluation visits (one primary participating State, pS, and one alternate) and inspections (two primary pS and two alternates) for 2010 to the Arms Control and Coordination Staff (ACCS) by 15 October 2009. Mission is requested to provide to ACCS the following U.S. bids by October 15:

- U.S. evaluation visit bid: Primary--Russia, alternate--Tajikistan
- U.S. inspection bids: Primary--Russia, alternate--Belarus; and primary--Kazakhstan, alternate--Armenia

With regard to the primary bid for an inspection in Kazakhstan we refer to provision 3 in the document on VD99 implementation coordination, AC/319-D(2009)0001 (INV), which states that "if an Ally, during the previous year, lost an evaluation or inspection by an uncoordinated activity, this Ally will have priority to conduct an inspection or evaluation in the country they planned to conduct this activity."

¶13. (SBU) Our experts will be prepared to discuss these bids on the margins of the November 16-17 VCC and VCC Experts meetings.

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